

## The Planning Inspectorate

### COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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**Appeal Reference: APP/C3105/W/24/3338211**

#### DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By VISTRY HOMES LTD

Site Address  
Land east of Warwick Road  
Banbury  
OX16 1HD  
Grid Ref Easting: 433313  
Grid Ref Northing: 243119

#### SENDER DETAILS

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#### ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

## YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed housing development in the open countryside. I believe that this development will have a significant negative impact on the local environment and community in Hanwell itself and set a dangerous precedent for our parish and village Drayton.

Firstly, the proposed development will destroy an area of natural beauty and wildlife habitat. The open countryside is an important part of our local landscape and provides a vital habitat for numerous species of flora and fauna. The construction of houses and infrastructure will result in the loss of this valuable natural resource.

The proposed land is also high grade 2 and 3a quality arable land which is used for growing crops. Given the forever increasing population of the UK, the increased number of immigrants and the war in Ukraine / reduced grain and cereal imports into the UK all high grade 2 and 3a farming land should be reserved / maintained for food production in the first instance.

Secondly, the proposed development will have a negative impact on the local community. The increased traffic and population will put a strain on local resources such as schools, community and healthcare facilities. In addition, the public transport infrastructure in its current state is not fit for purpose either with its routes or timetable to enable people to take public transport to either Banbury, Warwick or Stratford Upon Avon; this will only be exasperated. The development will also result in the loss of a peaceful and quiet environment, which is a key reason why many of us choose to live in the countryside in the first place.

Thirdly, I believe that the proposed development is in contravention of local planning policies. The local authority has designated this area as open countryside, and Hanwell as a small village which should only receive "small infill" rather than what can only be described as a large housing any development in this area should be strictly controlled. As a fellow village resident who purposefully chose a village location I have a huge concern that Hanwell will lose its natural boundary eroding an important gap of undeveloped land, that is protected under existing planning policy and it's only a matter of time before it is absorbed into Banbury along with its neighbours in Drayton and Wroxton.

And finally, Cherwell District Council has approved a new housing land supply statement, which demonstrates that the district has a 5.4 year housing supply for 2022 - 2027, so this development is not even needed!